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# BROOKLINE COMMUNITY AGING NETWORK (WWW.BROOKLINECAN.ORG)

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## BrooklineCAN AND CENTURY BANK SPONSOR SHREDDING DAY SEPTEMBER 12 AT BROOKLINE SENIOR CENTER

# ALSO NEW AND PROSPECTIVE BrooklineCAN MEMBERS INVITED TO ATTEND ORIENTATION MEETING

Members of BrooklineCAN (Brookline Community Aging Network) and all residents of Brookline can bring their old documents and stored records to Shredding and Document Destruction Day on Monday, September 12, from 4 to 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, 93 Winchester St., in Brookline. The event is sponsored by BrooklineCAN, Century Bank, and the Brookline Senior Center.

In addition, new and prospective BrooklineCAN members are invited to attend an orientation session that day to learn more about becoming involved with this town-wide, volunteer driven organization. The meeting begins at the Senior Center at 5:30 with light refreshments.

Identity theft is an ever-growing problem in our society. "Dumpster diving" accounts for nearly 70% of all reported cases of theft of personal information. A truck-sized shredder will be on-site to shred paper immediately. Only paper will be accepted for destruction. Letter or legal sized boxes are preferred and paper bags are acceptable. You do not need to remove paper clips or staples.

Items for shredding can include credit card statements, bank statements, medical records, junk mail offerings, and anything with your social security, bank account or credit card numbers. Corporate records such as human resources, insurance and payroll should also be shredded.

In addition to the oversize shredder, the event will feature refreshments, popcorn, animal balloons for kids, and music to shred by.

The Brookline Community Aging Network invites people of all ages and backgrounds to become members. By joining, they will support the network's main goal of ensuring that older residents remain a vital part of the community. More than 250 people have become charter members of BrooklineCAN since it launched on April 1. Membership fee is \$25 per year.

Membership benefits include <u>discounts</u> from nearly 50 town businesses; information about preferred contractors and service providers; monthly <u>newsletters</u>; educational forums; involvement in an intergenerational <u>volunteer network</u>; and <u>advocacy for a better Brookline</u>. For more information, call 617-730-2777, email <u>info@brooklinecan.org</u>. Continually updated information may be found on the organization's dynamic website at <u>www.BrooklineCAN.org</u>.